



LPC vs. Ballot Access Bill — Update:

BAD BILL KILLED THANKS TO LPC LOBBYING EFFORTS!

In a tremendous victory for the LPC and third parties, a ballot access bill that would increase the burden for third party candidates was defeated in committee on July 12 after intense lobbying by Libertarians. The bill — SB 365 by Senator John Lewis (R-Orange) — received a 2-0 vote in the Assembly Elections Committee, with five committee members present but not voting. The bill needed at least four votes to move out of committee.

We are elated that all our hard work has paid off,” declared Libertarian state executive director Juan Ros, who led the lobbying efforts. “Libertarians have spoken loud and clear, and the winners are the voters of California who will continue to have the freedom to choose from different candidates and viewpoints in the ballot booth. May SB 365 rest in peace!”

Under current law, candidates can collect signatures to defray the cost of the fee for filing a Declaration of Candidacy (the fee is a percentage of the annual salary of the office being sought). All candidates also are required to collect nominating signatures from voters registered in their party. Currently, candidates who collect signatures in lieu of the filing fee can use those signatures to count towards their nominating signature requirement.

Under SB 365, the dual use of “in-lieu” signatures would have been eliminated. Candidates would have been forced to collect signatures twice, on two separate documents, during two separate filing periods (the “in-lieu” filing period and the later nominating filing period). This

change would have easily led to fewer third party candidates qualifying for the ballot.

The LPC first became aware of the bill when Richard Winger, editor of *Ballot Access News*, alerted Ros via e-mail. “I was tracking the slew of bills being introduced in Sacramento, but there were literally thousands. If Richard hadn’t alerted me when he did, we may not have noticed the bill until it was too late.”

One of Ros and Winger’s major concerns was that the bill was being sponsored by the California Association of Clerks and Elections Officials, a government employee association. “We both thought that

by third parties, I don’t think Lewis would have carried it.”

When the committee hearing on June 24 came around, Ros was ready. “I was psyched up, but expecting the worst,” he admitted. Then a few factors came into play that helped with the final outcome of the hearing. First, no one from the Clerks Association was present to testify in favor of the bill. Second, neither was Senator Lewis, who was out-of-town on business. Instead, Lewis’ Chief of Staff Chris Jones spoke on behalf of his boss’s legislation.

“I believe that Lewis and the County Clerks thought there wouldn’t be a problem with the bill, so they didn’t make an effort to fight for it. At the same time, committee members were being deluged with calls and e-mails from Libertarians and others opposing the bill — all of which worked in our favor,” Ros pointed out.

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the bill would sail through the legislative process under the assumption that what government employees wanted, they got!”

Ros was quick to point out that the intent of SB 365 was not to hurt third parties. “The County Clerks have been sued by several irresponsible candidates who weren’t aware of the signature rules and requirements. This bill was an attempt to avoid any future lawsuits — nothing more.”

According to Ros, the damage to third parties that SB 365 would have caused was not evident to the bill’s author, Senator Lewis. “I believe that he was carrying this bill as a favor to the County Clerks. He saw the bill as a slam-dunk, as it was merely a technical change in the Elections Code. Had he known the bill was going to be opposed

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LETTER

Good letter to Republican Representative on gun control: a Republican activist finally quits the Republican Party, tells 'em off, and comes over to the Libertarian Party.

TO: Rep. Dennis Hastert
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1101

Dear Employee,

While I normally maintain a polite tone in letters to legislators, these are not normal times. Or, I should say, your recent statements are not normal for someone who represents himself as the leader of the Republican party in the House of Representatives.

As a Republican, I expect you to understand the principles of Constitutional conservatism. I expect you to understand the meaning of enumerated federal powers, and the off-limits proscriptions articulated in the Bill of Rights. I expect you to abide by your oath of office. In short, I expect you to be different from the slimebag socialists.

Because you are not, and because you have either stupidly, spinelessly or evilly advocated the imposition of additional coercive infringements against my right to keep and bear arms, you have forfeited any claim to civility from me. I will speak to you clearly so that you understand my utter contempt for you as a legislator who supports the destruction of my rights, for you as an American who has betrayed the birthright of your countrymen, and for you as a man who places position above principle. I will speak to you in no uncertain terms, so that you understand my resolve to oppose the tyranny that you enable, represent and feed off of.

I must admit that your motivation for enraging and alienating millions of traditionally Republican voters confounds me – what do you hope to gain? Do you think that liberals will now support you? Do you think that the media will suddenly start editorializing in your favor? Do you think that the gun banners will now go home sated? Are you really that dumb? Or are you just corrupt? Or both?

Where the hell is it within the Constitutional powers of the federal government to enact any kind of

gun control legislation at all? Where the hell do you get off endorsing a handgun ban for a segment of our population that is old enough to vote, to marry, to parent and to go to war and die protecting your sorry politically opportunistic ass?

As a lifelong Republican, campaign volunteer and financial contributor, here's my oath to you and your fellow subversive trough-feeding poltroons in the GOP – and I guarantee you, I take mine a lot more seriously than you take yours. I am through rewarding unprincipled political parasites who sell out my rights as an appeasement gesture to the socialists. You are undeserving of anything but loathing. The only Republicans who will ever receive my support again will be those principled few who understand and honor their oaths to abide by and defend the Constitution.

I intend to do everything I can to encourage enough fellow gun owners to deny turncoats like yourself the narrow margin of victory that most campaigns are won by. If this means the Republicans become minority players, so be it. That's what you get for taking citizens like me for granted. That's what you get for arrogantly deeming citizens like me so desperate that we will continually allow you to sell us out. That's what you get for arrogantly presuming that citizens like me have no choice but to settle for "the lesser of two evils." That's what you get for your treacherous and uncalled for surprise attack against our rights.

As a party, the Libertarians are the only ones who consistently and steadfastly support the Second Amendment, and they have earned the support I would have given you. I have heard some decry this position, calling it a "wasted" vote, pointing out the draconian gun control measures the Democrats will impose should they gain ascendancy. I prefer voting my conscience. And I prefer facing this eventuality sooner, rather than later, before bloated hacks like you capitulate away all of our freedoms, including our unalienable and Constitutionally guaranteed right to defend them.

In all sincerity, David Codrea



NOTABLE QUOTABLE

"The whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed - and hence clamorous to be led to safety - by menacing it with an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary."

H. L. Mencken, Newspaper Columnist, 1920

From the Chair:

MEETING THE CHALLENGES! EXPANDING THE POSSIBILITIES!

We, as a Party, set three main internal goals for 1998:

1. Increase our dues-paying membership to 7,000
2. Increase our monthly pledge base to \$6,000 per month
3. Maintaining ballot status (DONE!)



MARK HINKLE

this web site, has proposed to extend our six-month contract for an additional six months at no additional expense. Furthermore, they're cutting our monthly payment in half by extending our payments over the longer term. This will help our cash flow as well.

In the meantime, we're going to be adding new features to the site. So, please revisit the site (www.215NOW.com) and see what we've done. If you haven't signed the petition, please do so now – and tell a friend.

(2) The repeal of Proposition 10: the tax on tobacco users

You received a copy of this petition with your July LPC Monthly. Have you signed it? Please have your family, friends, and co-workers sign it. If you need more petitions, contact your local LP officials or visit a Cigarettes Cheaper! store. The Repeal Prop 10 committee has hired Mike Rodriguez (LP of Napa County) to manage their effort. Signatures required: 419,260. Circulation Deadline: 09/17/99.

(3) 200 candidates in the year 2000

Since reporting last month, I have traveled to the LNC headquarters in Washington DC. There I met with LNC Political Director Ron Crickenberger. The LNC has set a goal of 2,000 candidates in the year 2000. Ron asked the LPC to commit to a goal of 200 candidates and we've accepted the challenge. Together we've created a plan and a schedule to make our goal a reality. Because of the early presidential primary next year, we need to recruit most of our 200 candidates **by September**. Because the presidential primary has been moved up to March from its traditional date in June, we need to recruit most of our 200 candidates **within the next two months** – so we'll be prepared for the new October filing deadline. Do you want to be a candidate? Do you want to get elected? Let us know. The LPC can help.

And, one last item. State Senate bill SB365 (see featured story on front page) was defeated. This wouldn't have happened without the tireless effort of Juan Ros, our Executive Director. On behalf of the approximately 150 partisan candidates we plan to have next year, I want to thank Juan for this most significant win. It means more Libertarian candidates and savings of many tens of thousands of dollars in filing fees. Well done Juan!

If you want more wins like this, show your support by becoming a monthly pledger. ■

Taxing Burdens

NOT JUST \$ BUT TIME TOO! FORMS MORE COMPLEX

According to the *National Taxpayers Union* (May/June 1999) taxes are getting more complicated. (No kidding!)

- Taxpayers must cope with longer forms and instructions. Today taxpayers waded through 101 pages of instructions, almost double the number in 1985, the year before taxes were "simplified."
- Paid professionals now prepare most returns. When including paid preparers and computer tax software programs, almost 3/4 of all returns are prepared with assistance.
- It takes longer to prepare returns. From 1988 to 1998, the burden for a taxpayer to learn about, prepare, and assemble 1040 with Schedules A, B, and D rose by 40%, to nearly 24 hours!

Paperwork inflation is high at the IRS. Here are a few comparisons:

	Form 1040	Instructions
1998	69 lines	101 pages
1985	68 lines	52 pages
1975	67 lines	39 pages
1965	54 lines	17 pages
1935	34 lines	2 pages

Goal 1: Project Archimedes results are still coming in and I understand another mailing by the LNC is scheduled for August and another one is planned before the end of the year. At the latest count on July 16, we have increased to 6,417 voting members. Our contributor base is now 7,340 – up 254 from last month!

Goal 2: Last month, I reported that our monthly pledge program slipped slightly from its all time high. It was \$3,959.26 pledged per month. What's worse is that pledged funds don't always equal bank deposits. For example, our cash pledges are behind by \$3,238.93. (If you have an outstanding pledge, please honor it). Now the good news: Our recent e-mail-a-thon has increased our monthly pledge base by a substantial \$500 a month. Plus, one-time donations have brought in \$2,820.00 by the press deadline (7/15/99). We are, once again, in record high territory. Thank you!

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LPC has endorsed these external goals for 1999:

(1) Prop 215 isn't just a good idea, it's the law!

Our initial plan for this site was a six-months plan. It's clear from the very generous support of our members that we need to keep this site going. However, the response to our petition has been slowing. Since the state and federal officials have been even slower upholding Prop 215, it's clear this project is going to need our sustained support to bring relief to cancer and AIDS patients, among others.

Thankfully, WebCommanders, who host

OUTRAGED LIBERTARIANS BLAST COURT DECISION

The justice system in Placer County is “making a mockery of the United States Constitution,” the Libertarian Party of California announced in response to court decisions in the medical marijuana trial of Steve and Michele Kubby.

“This situation is absolutely outrageous,” declared Libertarian state chair Mark Hinkle. “We were already aware that Placer County law enforcement was ignoring state law, but now we see that the court has chosen to ignore the Constitution and deny Steve and Michele Kubby a fair trial.”

Hinkle’s comments were made following the court’s decision to deny the Kubbys a continuance in their trial, which was scheduled to begin July 20. Attorneys Dale Wood and Joseph Farina argued that the late delivery on July 9 of CD-ROMs containing data files from the Kubbys’ computers did not allow enough time to review the files and prepare an adequate defense. The Kubbys were seeking to delay the trial until September.

Judge Larry D. Gaddas agreed to postpone the trial for just one week to accommodate a scheduling conflict for Farina. Trial assignment was scheduled in Auburn for Monday, July 26.

On July 13, the court denied a motion for the return of the Kubbys’ computers, which were confiscated by law enforcement. The defense team wanted to investigate the hard drives to determine if authorities had tampered with the computers.

“It appears that the trial court calendar is more important than the Kubbys’ right to a fair trial,” Hinkle stated. “Without the ability to prepare a proper defense or examine the computer hard drives, this trial is anything but fair.”

Hinkle added that Steve is already facing life-threatening circumstances. “Since January, authorities have denied Steve access to his medicine — placing his health at severe risk. How many more of his civil rights are going to be violated?”

Steve and Michele Kubby were arrested January 19 in Olympic Valley. Steve, the 1998 Libertarian candidate for governor, has been taking medical marijuana for over two decades to combat a rare form of adrenal cancer. Michele suffers from irritable bowel syndrome. Although in full compliance with Proposition 215, the landmark medical marijuana initiative approved by voters in 1996, the Kubbys face a combined 19 counts of felony drug charges. ■



Reading Library ABOUT U.S. DRUG POLICY...

*Why Drug Laws Always Make
Matters Worse: Consequences of
Government Control*
Edited by Ronald Hamowy

*Our Right To Drugs
The Case for a Free Market*
By Thomas Szasz

*Drug Policy and the Decline of
American Cities*
By Sam Staley

Four Hundred Years of Failure
By David Boaz

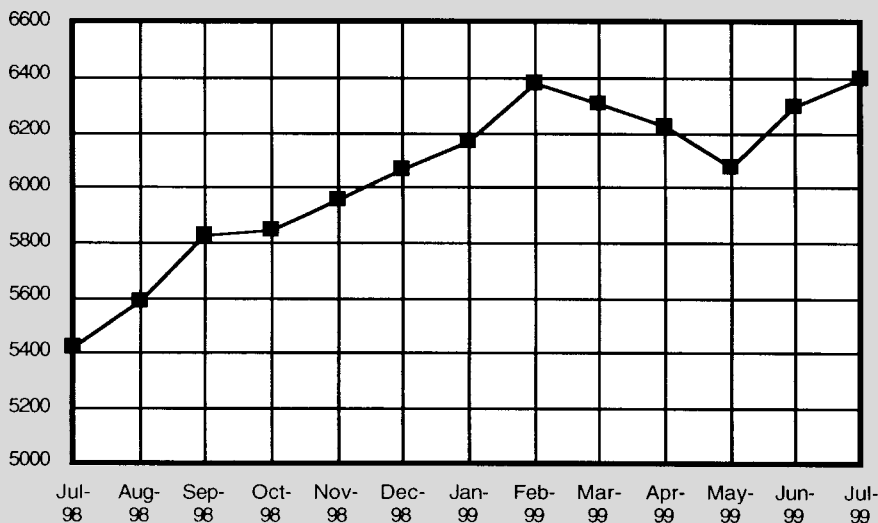
The Economics of Prohibition
By Mark Thornton

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and other books of interest to Lib-
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on-line:

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Growth Watch

Membership June 30: 6,399 • Goal 7,000



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Apr-30-99	6081
Mar-31-99	6225
Feb-28-99	6305
Jan-31-99	6381
Dec-31-98	6170
Nov-30-98	6070
Oct-31-98	5958
Sep-30-98	5848
Aug-31-98	5832
Jul-31-98	5593
Jun-30-98	5419

RIDING A DEAD HORSE

Common sense says that when you discover you are riding a dead horse, the best strategy is to dismount. However, the federal government often tries other strategies, such as:

1. Buying a stronger whip.
2. Changing riders.
3. Appointing a committee to study the horse.
4. Arranging to visit other sites to see how they ride dead horses.
5. Appointing a team to revive the dead horse.
6. Passing legislation declaring that "This horse is not dead."
7. Harnessing several dead horses together for increased speed.
8. Providing additional funding to increase the horse's performance.
9. Declare the horse is "better, faster, cheaper" dead.
10. Keep all funding for feeding and stabling the horse in the budget.
11. Never admit that the horse is dead.

Jason Barnabas



Prohibition Kills More People Than the Drugs!

DEATH FROM ILLEGAL DRUGS

by Richard Rider

According to the James Ostrowski CATO report of May, 1989, "Thinking about Drug Legalization", about 8,250 die from drug PROHIBITION. Here is the breakdown:

Murders incidental to street crime . 1,600

Black market murders 750

*Drug-related AIDS 3,500
(due to sharing dirty needles)*

*Drug-overdoses 2,400
(poisoned drugs/no quality control)*

Thus only 2,400 fall into the category of drug overdoses per year. Of those, as many as 80% die from not knowing the purity level of the drug, or if the drug has been "cut" with a dangerous dilutant. Using illegal drugs from unknown sources is playing Russian roulette. Even so, 2,400 is a tiny fraction of the number who die from alcohol (approximately 160,000) or tobacco (about 400,000).

With 80% dying from "overdoses" because drugs are illegal, then drug legalization would result in a safer product being brought to market, dramatically reducing the number of drug deaths. To achieve the same level of drug deaths, we would have

to have a five-fold increase in drug usage. Counting the other deaths from drug prohibition above, it would take a 13-fold increase in drug abuse to equal current figures.

According to a confidential survey done by the Drug Policy Foundation, those who said that they would try illegal drugs if they were legal would constitute a 2% increase in drug users, hardly a sufficient increase to raise the deaths appreciably, let alone offset the dramatic drop in the drug deaths currently due to untraceable drug sales.

In addition, legalization would make it possible for drug companies to work on making safer mind-altering drugs that would cause fewer side effects and negative consequences. Currently such research is essentially illegal.

Of course, the parallel is that of Prohibition (alcohol), when hundreds died each year from bad booze, a problem that largely disappeared with the end of Prohibition.

The drug warriors frequently use the 8,000-plus figure as the number of drug deaths, but that includes people killed by Prohibition and not from drug-use problems. ■

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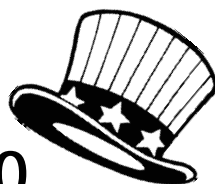
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Rodney Austin, LPC Northern Vice Chair



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Press Release: Libertarians set ambitious goal

200 CANDIDATES IN 2000

With the goal of giving voters "Libertarian alternatives up and down the ballot," the Libertarian Party of California announced that it seeks to run 200 candidates in California for federal, state, and local office next year.

"The time has come for our party to take the next step in the astounding growth we've been experiencing over the last few years: run more candidates than ever before," announced Libertarian state chair Mark Hinkle. "We want voters in California to realize that the Libertarian Party represents a true choice for them. We are serious about running and serious about winning."

In 1998, 106 Libertarians ran for office in California: 95 candidates for partisan office and 11 candidates for local nonpartisan office, far more than any other qualified third party. By comparison, the Green and Reform Parties ran 11 and 14 candidates for partisan office, respectively.

"The Libertarian Party recruits candidates more aggressively than any other third party, reflecting our commitment to voters as the party of choice and positive change," Hinkle added. "We are going to be all over the ballot next year."

153 partisan offices are up for election in California next year, not including Presi-

dent. To reach the goal of 200 candidates, Libertarians will be focusing on nonpartisan local offices more than ever before. Currently, 34 California Libertarians hold elected or appointed office.

"We hope to elect a good number of local officeholders next year — Libertarians who will gain the experience needed to run for higher office down the road," Hinkle predicted.

Because of the early March primary next year, the Libertarian Party of California has already begun its candidate recruitment activities.

"We're lining up candidates early, and a record number have already stepped forward," said Ted Brown, who is coordinating the Libertarian recruiting effort.

Brown will run as the Libertarian candidate in the hotly-contested 27th Congressional District against incumbent Republican James Rogan and the Democratic challenger, State Senator Adam Schiff.

"We look forward to 200 Libertarian candidates getting our message to the voters," Hinkle stated. "We look forward to 200 Libertarian candidates challenging the status quo candidates from the Democratic and Republican Parties. And we look forward to 200 Libertarian candidates waging fun, exciting, and serious campaigns." ■

You don't have to be religious

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS!

Quotations from some famous folks:

Our true mission is not to propagate our opinions or impose upon other countries our form of government by artifice or force, but to teach by example and show by our success, moderation, and justice the **blessings** of self-government and the advantages of free institutions.

President Millard Fillmore

Society in every state is a **blessing** , but government, even in its best state, is a necessary evil; in its worst state, an intolerable one.

Thomas Paine, 1776

Washington D.C. papers say, "Congress is deadlocked and can't act." I think that is the greatest **blessing** that could befall this country.

Will Rogers

Those who expect to reap the **blessings** of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it.

Thomas Paine

The inherent vice of capitalism is the **unequal sharing of blessings**; the inherent virtue of socialism is the equal sharing of miseries.

Winston Churchill

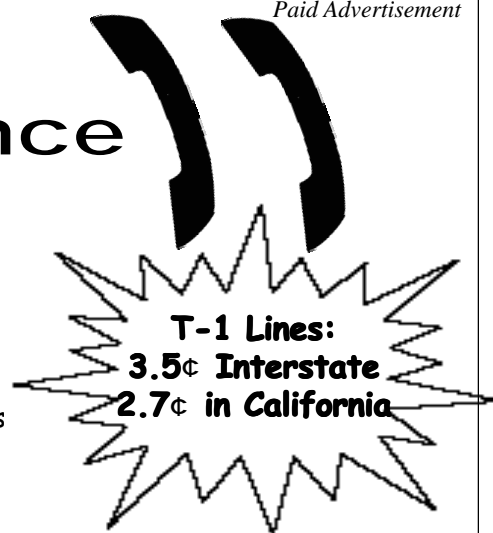
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LPC vs. Ballot Access Bill

BAD BILL KILLED!*Continued from front page.*

When the vote came, all five Democrats declined to vote. "I didn't get it at first — the secretary was calling the roll, and the Democrats were just sitting there, maintaining their silence. Then it hit me that they were not voting at all on the bill!"

As to the reason for the Democrats' silence, Ros hypothesizes: "I think Democrats assume that Libertarian candidates hurt Republicans so they decided to throw us a bone. Of course, killing SB 365 helps all third parties, including the Greens who typically take votes from Democrats." Ros went on, "It doesn't matter to me what their reasons were — I'm just pleased with the position they took!"

But the bill was not quite dead yet. Just prior to adjournment, a "motion to reconsider" was made allowing the bill to be rescheduled at the next committee hearing.

Ros issued one last Action Alert, "to give the bill one final push over the edge of the cliff!" A few days prior to the bill's rehearing, Ros spoke to an aide to one of the committee members, who told Ros that the Democrats were not going to change their position on the bill. "That was great news, but I wasn't counting my chickens yet. Before the vote is taken, anything is possible."

But when the votes were cast on July 12, the outcome was just as had been foretold to Ros: 2-0. SB 365 was dead for good.

"If Senator Lewis wants to reintroduce the bill, he would have to start all over again from scratch next year," Ros pointed out. "After this experience, I doubt he'll want to touch this bill anymore!"

"I think that third party members — and especially Libertarians — should be proud that their hard work helped defeat this bill. This experience has been completely rewarding and the future of third parties in California appears secure. We have fought to maintain true choice for California voters and have won!" ■

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GOVERNMENT "PROTECTS" US FROM MJ

by Phyllis Avery

Now let me see if I've got this straight.

It's legal for men to climb into a boxing ring and beat each other's brains out; to jump off a 500-foot bridge into a gorge with just a bungee cord to snatch them from certain death; to sky dive; to drive race cars. **But Congress has declared it illegal to smoke marijuana because we might harm ourselves.**

The two most lethal drugs, alcohol and tobacco, are not illegal. Artery-plugging, fat-laden meat, cheese and ice cream are not illegal. **Marijuana is illegal because Congress says it's unhealthy.**

The government tells us we must vaccinate our children with toxic-laden chemicals; we must medicate them with a mind-altering drug, Ritalin; that we could voluntarily use ourselves as guinea pigs to test AIDS vaccines. They look the other way when medical doctors kill over 230,000 Americans yearly from surgical accidents and over-prescribed drugs. **But we can't medicate ourselves with marijuana.**

The government tells us we must put fluoride (a rat poison) in our drinking water, and spray toxic chemicals in our environment to kill bugs. They allow dentists to use silver/mercury (an outright poison) for fillings in our mouths, farmers to despoil the land with chemical sprays, and food processors to add an outright carcinogen, aspartame, to our foods. They claim it's safe to consume pesticides with every food we eat. **But we are jailed for smoking marijuana.**

The government condones the slaughter of millions of fetuses every year, and others have their brains sucked out by partial-birth abortions. **But Congress doesn't want us to shorten our lives or fry our brains by using marijuana.**

Dare-devil Robbie Knievel recently cleared a 200-foot-wide gorge of the Grand Canyon, **but we are prevented from smoking marijuana.**

It's obvious that the war on marijuana is phony, baseless, and politically motivated. It unconstitutionally limits our liberties, rifles our bank accounts, confiscates private lands, and maintains enormous bureaucracies and law enforcement agencies to maintain the status quo.

The powers that be forbid U.S. cultivation of hemp (similar to marijuana, minus the narcotic properties), which can produce thousands of products. That would upset the money and power of the timber, oil, synthetic fiber and pharmaceutical industries. (Note: marijuana was declared illegal in 1937, the same year that Dupont developed nylon.)

The hemp plant is a renewable source. Legally grown for fuel, it would lessen the need for coal, oil, natural gas, and petrochemicals. Parts of the plant have value as food protein, which could help end world hunger. We would halt the deforestation of trees, because its unusually high fiber content would be useful for paper production and agriculture, therefore helping to restore the ecological balance on the planet. An acre of hemp can produce as much pulp as four acres of trees. Our books would not be crumbling away if they had been produced with hemp paper. We would not need the tons of toxic chemicals necessary to produce paper from trees.

The middle class and the poor can become financially comfortable and independent if they could raise hemp, but our leaders are beholden to special interest groups who make "campaign donations". In the meantime, other countries are raising hemp and producing textiles and other products, which we are allowed to buy. Why do we have a trade imbalance and people working at menial jobs? Ask the political prostitutes who have sold out the middle class. ■



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AROUND THE STATE

Excerpts from the San Diego *Liberty* Newsletter

POLITICS AS USUAL

GRAND CANYON RELOCATED TO COLORADO BY POST OFFICE

A newly-printed batch of 60-cent international stamps carry a picture of the canyon with the words "Grand Canyon, Colorado." The Grand Canyon is actually located in Arizona, although it was carved by the Colorado River.

Associated Press, May 17, 1999

HE'S NO JIM DURANTE!

Pulling potentates' proboscises is perennially perilous. Zimbabwe's former president, the Reverend Canaan Banana, grew so angry at the jollity inspired by his name that he banned all jokes about himself.

The Economist, Dec. 20, 1997

TAXPAYERS GET BUFFALOED - TSK TSK TED!

A new "temporary" federal program buys surplus bison meat at inflated prices — a subsidy that's welfare for a billionaire, since the single largest producer of buffalo meat is Ted Turner. Turner, the vice chairman of the mega-corporation Time-Warner, raises 17,000 bison on 1.4 million acres of ranches, sprawling across Montana, New Mexico, and Nebraska.

Libertarian Party Press Release, May 29, 1999

HAIR TODAY - SUSPENDED TOMORROW!

De la Salle High School (New Orleans) which is affiliated with the Brothers of the Christian Schools, a Roman Catholic order, began testing the hair of its 870 students in March 1998 to detect illicit drug use. Private schools like De la Salle can make drug tests a condition of enrollment. But now two public high school principals in New Orleans want to test their students, too.

The New York Times, June 14, 1999

KILL A BIKER- GET A HIGHWAY WITH YOUR NAME

Motorcyclists in Tennessee are complaining about the naming of a stretch of state highway after a state senator who killed a motorcyclist in a hit-and-run crash in 1996. Carl Koella Jr, who died in January 1998 after heart surgery, had pleaded no contest to the hit-and-run charge. Ironically; the highway named for Koella ends on the road where the accident took place. *City-Bike Magazine* prophesies, "Soon to come, the Jack Kevorkian Hospice."

The San Diego Union-Tribune, May 31, 1999

San Bernardino

LIBERTARIAN RUNNING IN SPECIAL ELECTION

John Scott Ballard (Chair, San Bernardino County) has announced his candidacy for the upcoming special election to replace the late Rep. George Brown (D-Colton) in the 42nd Congressional District. Governor Davis has not yet set a special election date, but we can assume that he will do so shortly. (Last month, we reported that John was appointed to the Board of Police Commissioners by a unanimous vote. He is working hard to gain voter-recognition).

John will need to collect the same number of in-lieu-of signatures he would have to collect for a regular election, but will have a very truncated period (approximately two weeks) in which to do so.

Special elections offer great opportunities to get more attention for the Libertarian message, since there are numerous candidate forums — and it's the only political game in town. The downside is that few people vote, so our vote totals are usually very low in such elections.

Of course, we could get into a situation like the one that elected Audie Bock as the first Green legislator

Ted Brown, Southern Vice Chair

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AROUND THE STATE

The LP of Nevada County makes its mark on the community!

LIBERTY-MOBILE IN 4TH OF JULY PARADE

The day dawned bright and early. Someone had to be at the Grass Valley parade station to check in at 8:00 AM, according to the sheet we were given. Bob Burk drove up in his pickup truck, and we started to decorate it. Marianne and I had brought the flags provided by Gordon Clarke, Bob brought the banners that a friend of Gordon's had painted very inexpensively, everything was tied down and we were ready to roll.

The parade actually started on time at 11:00 sharp! Naturally, we still had a long wait since we were near the end of the parade. But when we saw the Jelly Belly and M & M's float start to move, we decided to get the crew together. Bob was the driver, his daughter Rika was against the tailgate, and Marianne and I were sitting in chairs against the cab.

This was what we were all waiting for! The shiny red pickup Bob was driving matched the red letters painted on the banners that hung from the side proclaiming "LIBERTARIAN PARTY" in red and "of Nevada County" in black below. The 3 x 5 foot flags that Marianne and I were waving got lots of responses from the crowd. From nodding heads, waving hands, salutes, cheers, thumbs up gestures, and a yell from the crowd of "Harry Browne", all the responses were very positive.

The four of us had a great time "doing the parade thing." For an event put together at the last minute, it came off really well. For all of you that pitched in but were not able to be in the parade, we heartily thank you. It couldn't have happened without you.

Jon Petersen,

Chair, LP of Nevada County



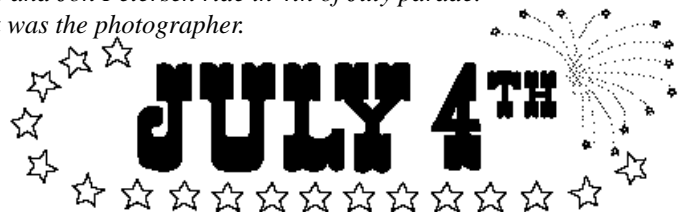
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*Marianne and Jon Petersen ride in 4th of July parade.
Bob Burk was the photographer.*



Bob Burk (standing by truck) Rika Burk (by tailgate in truck) and Jon Petersen (on chair in truck). Note: back bumper stick repeats the design on their T-shirts.

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